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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 17, 2006 (Paper No. 030606), for which a response is due on June 17, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 17, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 26 of this paper.